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October brings the beginning of the 2015-2016 Town Budget, which was passed by our Town Council on September 24th. I wish to thank our Town staff for their diligent work, which has made it possible for me to state that we provide the highest quality service at the lowest price to our taxpayers.

I also want to thank my colleagues who voted for the new contract between the Town and our rank-and-file police Officers. As you know, almost everyone points to our low crime and excellent police department as one of the main reasons why Bay Harbor is great. Included in the new contract is a take home vehicle program for all of our Officers, which almost every department in the County has had for years. This will make our Town competitive in hiring at a time when recruitment efforts have been very challenging while allowing a level of safety that has been needed. Our Officers should never have to worry about their personal safety when they drive to court. In the past, Officers have privately worried that subjects they have arrested were noting the make/model and license plate of their personal cars, possibly endangering the lives of them and their families. Also, being on call with their police vehicles allows a faster response time in an emergency since personal vehicles do not have emergency lights or equipment. In addition, this is the first multiyear contract since I have been on the Town Council that will not expire prior to the day it was passed. Thank you to our Town Manager and Chief for negotiating, and our Council for voting, for a fair contract that protects the interests of the Town while also supporting those Officers who protect us and our families every day and night.



Another thank you is in order to everyone who helped make our September 11th Ceremony a huge success. Thank you to Col. Pace for volunteering his time to be our keynote speaker. A special thank you to our four Town employees that are first-responder survivors of 9/11. Your bravery and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

October also brings the beginning of construction of our new Community Center. Inside, residents will have a place to meet and take part in new activities. In addition, facilities will be developed for the Town's first library. Seniors, children and everyone in-between will soon enjoy what will become the jewel of Bay Harbor Islands.

Lastly, we welcome back our seasonal activities, such as the Outdoor Movie Night, Storytime at the Park, the second annual Halloween Parade, and second annual Snow Day. New this year is the Spring Egg Hunt and a Veteran's Day event.

Sincerely,

2nd Annual Halloween Parade & Carnival

On Friday, October 30th, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, together with the BHI Business District, and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, will host its second annual Halloween Parade & Carnival. Starting at 3 pm, children and families are invited to meet, in costume, at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center Athletic Field where the students from the school begin their parade. They will walk the Kane Concourse, receiving treats from the participating businesses in the District, and finish at the empty lot located at 1177 Kane Concourse for games, music and more candy!

All participating students from Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center will be asked to return a permission form to their teacher or to the Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall, by October 28th, and must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian at the actual event. For more information, call Bridget at Town Hall, 305-866-6241, or email bmorin@bayharborislands.net.

Register for Bay Harbor Islands After-School Programs

The Bay Harbor Islands Community Services Department is offering after school activities and classes at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

Numerous sports activities and classes with top-notch coaches and instructors are offered both seasonally and throughout the 2015-16 school year. Sports include cheerleading, basketball, flag football, dance, soccer, volleyball and martial arts. Classes include music, art, languages and technology. Applications can be downloaded from the Town website, www.bayharborislands.org.

Contact or visit Town Hall, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace, (305) 866-6241.



Oi, tudo bem?

New Portuguese Classes Offered

An exciting new Portuguese language class is being offered in the After School Program. Through stories, movies, music, food and games, students learn about Brazilian and Portuguese cultures, history and geography.

Activities include guest presentations, virtual trips to Brazil, recipes, folklore, music and dance. Students will learn grammar, increase vocabulary and learn about culture, all while having a fun experience. Classes are every Monday and Wednesday: K-2 grade, 2:30 – 3:30 pm; 3-5 grade, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.



Annual SunPass Plan Available



The Annual SunPass Pass Plan gives the registered user unlimited trips across the Broad Causeway for \$250 for the fiscal year, 2-axle passenger vehicles only.

Additional restrictions apply. Buy it online at www.bayharborislands.org/annual-pass

Surf Bal Bay Shuttle Map

Stop by Town Hall and pick up your intralocal shuttle bus schedule and map. The publication includes the schedules and routes of the shuttles for Bay Harbor Islands, Surfside and Bal Harbour Village so that residents can take advantage of all three bus routes, which connect at various locations.



Visit Facebook and Give Us a "Like"

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands continues to expand its social media presence to improve communications with residents. You are encouraged to visit our Facebook page for information and news about upcoming and recent events.



Give us a "Like!" Go to **the Bay Harbor Islands Facebook Page** at www.facebook.com/bayharborislands.

Resident Named Standout Student-Athlete

Congratulations to Bay Harbor Islands resident and Ruth K. Broad K-8 student Hudson Koczwar. He was named a standout student athlete honoree of the Miami Marlins/Miami Herald Team Player Program and was recognized on the field at Marlins by pitcher Scott McGough and mascot Billy the Marlin. Way to go!

Touching Ceremony Marks 9/11 Anniversary

Hundreds gathered in front of the Miami-Dade Bay Harbor Islands Fire Station 76 for a solemn but uplifting 9/11 anniversary ceremony. BHI Police Chief Sean Hemingway led the event, which included Town residents, staff and elected officials, both law enforcement and fire rescue personnel and students and staff from Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Visiting officials and guests included speaker Colonel Noel Christian Pace of the U.S. Army Reserve, Rabbi Shaya Gheblikian and Father John O'Grady; Ms. Sally J. Alayon, Administrative Director of the North Region Office of Miami-Dade County Public Schools; School Principal Dr. Maria Rodriguez; Assistant

Principals Israel R. Sosa and Elisa Profeta; Bonnie Michaels, Chief of Staff from Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally A. Heyman's office and the District Aide to State Representative Joseph Geller.

The Ruth K. Broad student chorus showed their talent in singing the national anthem and two additional songs. Student finalists from a 9/11 poster contest displayed their artwork and winning students read their patriotic essays to the audience. In his address, Mayor Jordan Leonard expressed pride that four Town employees were 9/11 first responders. **To view more photos of the event visit the Bay Harbor Islands Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/bayharborislands.**



BHI Police force members observe a moment of silence.



(L-R) Mayor Jordan Leonard, Guest Speaker Colonel Noel Christian Pace, U.S. Army Reserve and his wife, Claudia V. Cubillos, Mayor of El Portal.



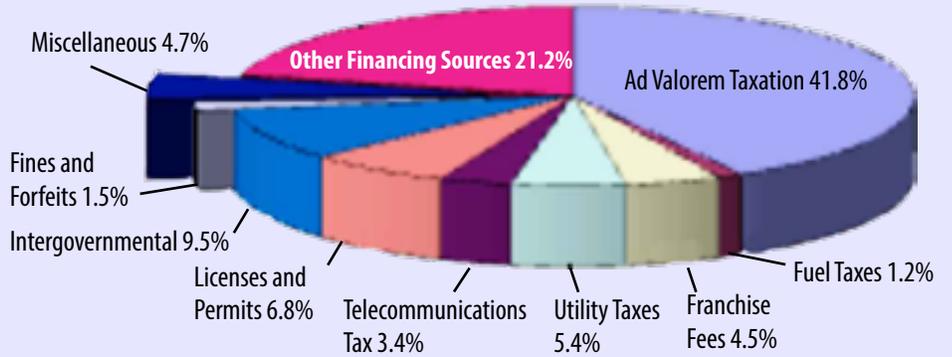
(L-R) BHI Police Chief Sean Hemingway, Mayor Jordan Leonard, Council members Josh Fuller, Robert Yaffe, Isaac Salver and Kelly Reid.



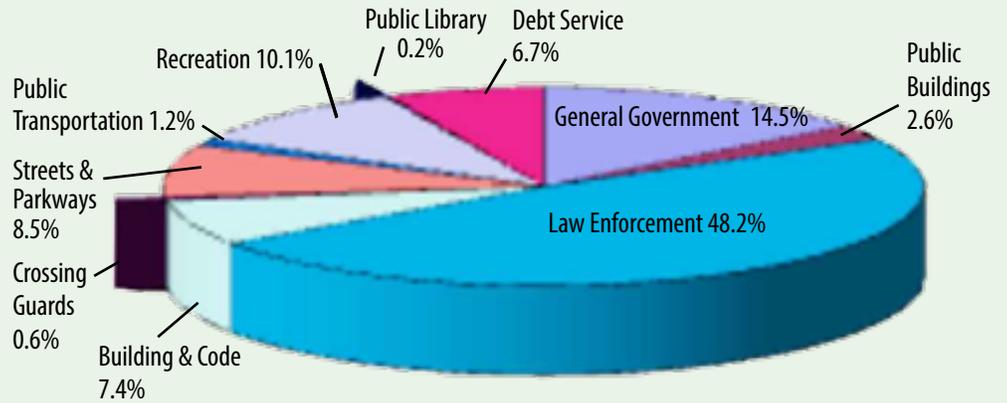
Above: Students display their winning posters. At right: members of the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department Honor Guard.

2015-16 BUDGET REVIEW

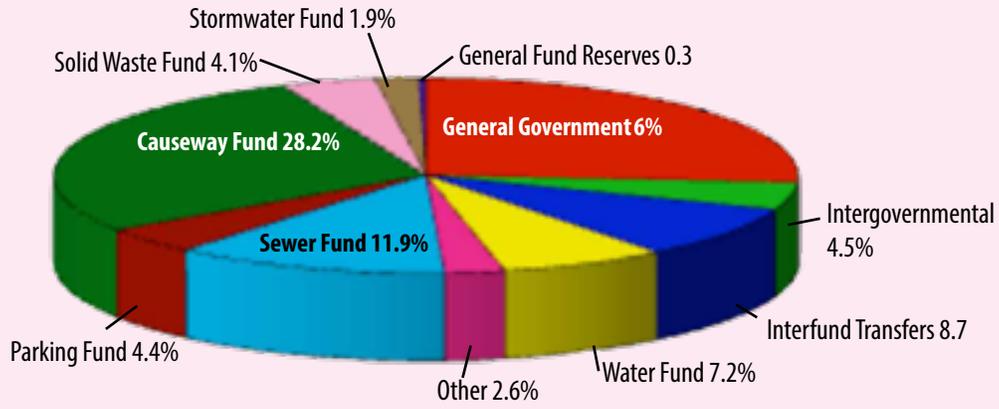
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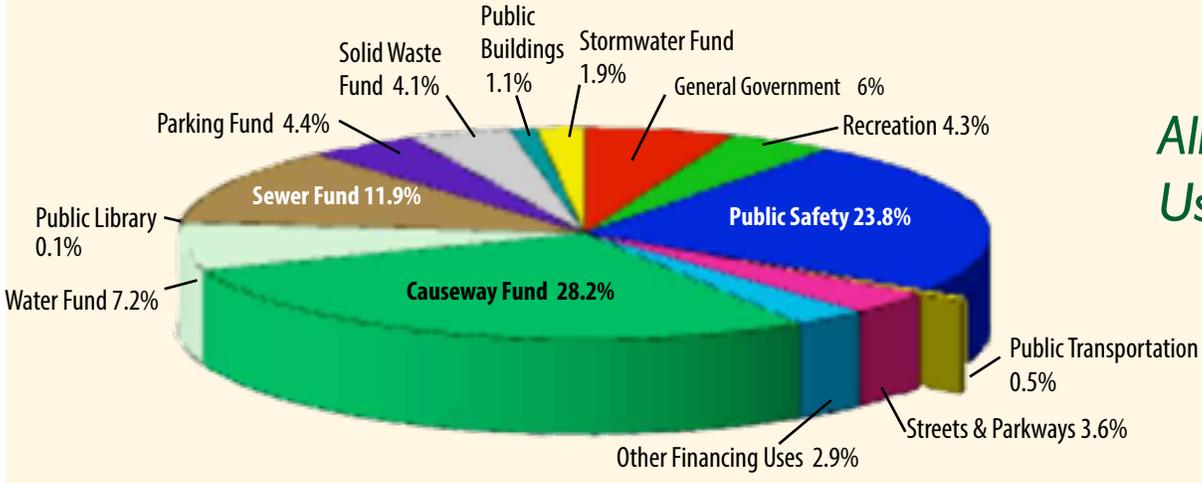
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All Funds – Sources



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SENIORS ACTIVITIES

Tai-Chi for Seniors

The eight-week course is a healthy and therapeutic exercise program for seniors. Classes are held at the Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays (5 – 6 p.m.). Resident fee is \$30 and non-residents fee \$60.



Seniors Game Day

Starting October 7th, Bay Harbor Islands will host Seniors Game Day in the Council Chambers, from 10 am –noon, every 1 & 3 Wednesday of the month. Come with your friends to play Mahjong, cards, and board games. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Town Hall to reserve your seat, as space is limited 305-866-624.

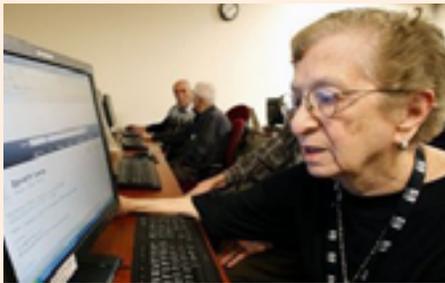
Seniors On The Go - October

Trip to **Flamingo Gardens on Wednesday, October 15, 2015**, at 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. and returns no later than 3 p.m. Cost is \$24.95 and includes lunch. When paying at Town Hall, indicate your lunch selection. Choice of ham & provolone sandwich, turkey &



provolone sandwich, roast beef & provolone sandwich, or a garden salad. All lunches will include chips, cookie & beverage.

Computer Classes



Bay Harbor Islands will host Computer Classes on Tuesdays, from October 5 - November 4, 2015, at Town

Hall (4-week course).

A minimum of four persons is required (10 a.m – 12 p.m.) Fee is \$40. If you are interested in attending, contact the Town Hall at (305) 866-6241.

Seniors On The Go - November

Fairchild Tropical Garden on Thursday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bus leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. and returns no later than 3 p.m. Cost is \$18 (lunch is not included).

Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance

The Miami-Dade County Emergency & Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP) provides evacuation support to those residents who may require specialized transportation, whose medical needs prevent them from evacuating on their own or who may require evacuation assistance. Individuals who may require evacuation assistance include those who:

- Are unable to evacuate on their own due to a specialized transportation requirement.
- Are homebound residents that are unable to walk to a bus pickup point and do not have anyone that can provide transportation.
- Have medical needs that prevent them from evacuating on their own.

- Are bedbound patients.
- Are electrically dependent patients on life sustaining medical equipment that requires electricity.
- May require assistance with activities of daily living.
- Are at risk due to a disability, frailty or health issues and elect to shelter in place during a hurricane or other disaster.

If you believe you or a family member may qualify and would like more information, visit the Town's website or contact Assistant Town Manager J.C. Jimenez at 305-866-6241 or email jcjimenez@bayharborislands.net.



Attention Vets!

Join us on November 11

Bay Harbor Islands will be holding a Veterans Day observance on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 to honor all who have served our country in the U.S. military. Please mark your calendar for this special date. All veterans, families and residents are encouraged to attend and those veterans interested in participating in the program should email Bridget at bmorin@bayharborislands.net or call Town Hall, (305) 866-6241.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Bay Harbor Islands
2016
5K/10K Walk Run
 will take place
 Sunday,
 January 30, 2016



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Check in to *Hotel Transylvania*



On Saturday, October 17 Bay Harbor Islands hosts Outdoor Movie Night at 7 p.m., featuring *Hotel Transylvania*. The movie and parking are free and take place at the vacant lot at 1177 Kane Concourse. Remember to bring your blanket or chair. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Kids Get a Kick out of Pee-Wee Soccer

A new season of Pee-Wee Soccer will start on Monday, October 5 at the 92nd Street Park. The program classes will be: Mondays at 4 p.m. for 1-2 year olds and 4:45 for 2-3 year olds. Wednesdays at 4:10 p.m. for 3-4 year-olds and 5 p.m. for 4-5 year-olds.



The eight-week session is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents, plus a \$10 registration fee per family for residents and \$20 for non-residents. There is a multiple child discount of 25%. For more information, please contact Regine Choute at (305) 866 - 6241 or visit Town Hall.

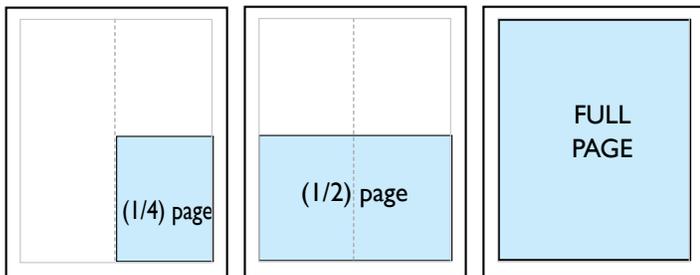
It's story TIME at the Park!

Returns on Friday, Oct. 2nd and 16th at 4 p.m. at the Bay Harbor Islands Tot Lot, featuring

Stories and Magic with Miss Merlina
Stories with Miss Nancy

On the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.
 North of Kane Concourse on West Broadview Drive

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Upcoming Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance at meetings. Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7 pm and the regular scheduled Planning & Zoning Board meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday at 7 pm. To confirm all dates and times, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 305-866-6241. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public.

- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Board – Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

The following future meeting dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the Town's website, www.bayharborislands.org

- Regular Council Meeting: November 9
- Planning & Zoning Board Meetings: November 4 & 17; December 1 & 15, 2015.

COMMITTEE MEETING

- Environmental Impact Committee - Thursday, Oct. 1

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Council Action of the September 16, 2015 Meeting

- **Approval** of a Resolution requested by Council Member Salver urging Florida State Congressional Representatives to disapprove the proposed nuclear agreement with Iran.
- **Approval** of a Resolution requested by the Town Council updating and adopting new values of Town owned TDR (Transfer of Development Rights) units.
- **Approval** of ordinances on **first** reading in order to change the date in which final working plans are required to be submitted.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading increasing the monthly base and flow charges for sewer service.
- **Approval** of an ordinance on **first** reading increasing the Solid Waste fees.
- **Approval** of Change of Order #10 in the amount of \$96,775.02 to provide shoring to support for additional concrete pier caps.

Discussion Items for October 13, 2015 Council Meeting

At the time of printing, the topics listed below are anticipated for discussion or possible action. All items are subject to change.

- **Discussion** and Approval of an ordinance on first reading requested by Mayor Leonard to encourage the construction of LEED Certified Residential and Commercial Building in the Town.
- **Discussion** and Selection of the Entrance Signage Feature for the Town to be located on the Shepard Broad Causeway Island.